**AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY AND THE
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS INVITE YOU TO ATTEND
THE THIRD REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
COASTAL ENGINEERING AND BIRD CONSERVATION:
GULF OF MEXICO COAST, FLORIDA THROUGH TEXAS**

Location: Corpus Christi, Texas at the Omni hotel, Marina Tower.
Dates: March 14-16 (Tuesday through Thursday)
Times: 9am-5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday; 9am-3pm on Thursday. Lunch provided.
There will be an evening social on Tuesday night at 7pm. Early registration is 6-8pm on
Monday, March 13.

Workshop objectives: (1) to expand capabilities of the Corps to contribute to various
bird conservation efforts (2) to make the bird conservation community aware of
opportunities that exist through working with the Corps, and (3) to address and hopefully
reduce some areas of conflict.

Workshop topics: For the Gulf Coast workshop we will focus on interactions between
beach nourishment, coastal dredging, and habitat restoration projects with beach-nesting
birds, non-breeding Piping Plovers and other shorebirds, nesting colonial waterbirds, and
wintering wetland birds (waterfowl and marsh birds). We will also discuss bird habitat
restoration after the busy hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005.

Workshop participants: Workshop participants will be comprised of a diverse crowd of
ornithologists, engineers, project planners, ecologists, geomorphologists, regulators, and
others. This workshop will gather representatives of many federal, state, and local
agencies, and non-government organizations.

Workshop information: This is the third of four regional workshops dealing with
coastal Corps activities and bird conservation. Information about previous workshops for
the North Atlantic Coast and South Atlantic Coast is available online at:
http://el.erdc.usace.army.mil/dots/coastalbirds.html. A similar regional workshop is being
planned for the Pacific Coast, September 6-8, 2006. Additional details about both the
Gulf Coast and Pacific Coast workshops will be posted to the above website as they
become available.

Registration fee: A workshop registration fee of $100 will be payable **upon your
attendance at the workshop**. Registration fees are payable by cash, credit card, or check
(payable to American Bird Conservancy). Note: Department of Defense representatives
should pay their registration fees *ahead of time* through their offices using Impact cards.
We will not be able to process DoD travel cards for registration fees. If you have any
questions regarding workshop registration, please direct them to Merrie Morrison of
American Bird Conservancy at 540-253-5780 or mmorr@abcbirds.org.

Workshop sign-up: Please notify Casey Lott by email if you are planning to attend the
workshop. Please list your name and organizational affiliation and specify which dates

you are planning to attend so that we can make the proper arrangements for food and the meeting space.

Lodging: We have reserved a block rooms at the Omni hotel, Marina Tower in Corpus Christi for the nights of Monday, March 13 through Wednesday, March 15. To reserve a room, please call 361-887-1600 and refer to the American Bird Conservancy to receive the group rate of $85.00 for a single, $99.00 for a double, 109.00 for a triple, or $119 for a quad (plus taxes). **These rates will be available until February 20th, 2006**. After that date, the rate will be based upon availability. Note: there are two Omni hotels in Corpus Christi; our workshop is at the Marina Tower. For more information about the hotel see: http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/CorpusChristiMarina.aspx.

Transportation: Corpus Christi International is the nearest airport.

Agenda: A more detailed agenda will follow in the next few months. If you have any other questions about the content of this workshop or you have specific ideas for agenda development, please contact, Casey Lott (information below) at American Bird Conservancy.

We're looking forward to a very productive workshop!

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